

Allowing county domestic relations offices to obtain certain personal records

SB 1509 by C. Harris/S. Thompson

DIGEST:	SB 1509 would have authorized county domestic relations offices to obtain without charge certain Department of Public Safety and Texas Employment Commission records about a person who has been ordered to pay child support, has been designated as a child's father by a court or has executed a statement of paternity. The records would have included a persons' birth date, address, driver's license status, driving accidents, convictions of traffic law violations, employment status, name and address of employers, wage income and unemployment compensation benefits.
GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:	"The right of citizens in this state to be secure against unwarranted governmental intrusion is one of the most fundamental rights of our democratic form of government. In this bill, it is unclear why a domestic information office should have access to private information when in the normal judicial process the information can be readily obtained."
RESPONSE:	Sen. Chris Harris, author of SB 1509, had no comment.
NOTES:	SB 1509 passed the House on the Consent Calendar and was not analyzed in a <i>Daily Floor Report</i> .